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Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee  
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### **ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE** **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **JULY 24, 2015**

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#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Edward Reading at 9:39 a.m. in the Somerset Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

#### **II. ROLL CALL**

##### **Present:**

Edward Reading, Ph.D., LCADC, Committee Chair  
Sylvia Lippe, LCADC, Committee Vice Chair  
Norwood Allen, CADC, Committee Member  
Jamie Lugo, CADC, Committee Member

##### **Also Present:**

Nancy Miller - Deputy Attorney General  
Milagros Collazo - Executive Director  
Rachel Glasgow - Regulatory Analyst  
Celeste Paige - Administrative Staff  
ToniAnn Petrella-Diaz - Confidential Assistant

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mail to the Office of the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, The Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Record, and the Courier Post and also posted on the Committee's web page.

##### ***Announcement of Quorum***

Committee Chair Ed Reading announced the presence of a quorum at 9:39 a.m.

#### **III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES**

##### **A. June 26, 2015 Public Minutes**

*Upon motion made by Jamie Lugo, and seconded by Norwood Allen, the Committee voted to approve the June 26, 2015 minutes as amended. Voting in favor: all.*

#### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*No members of the public were present.*

#### **V. LEGISLATIVE REGULATORY**

##### **A. N.J.A.C. 13:45C-5 - Abandonment of Application**

The Committee reviewed the regulation proposed by the Division of Consumer Affairs for abandoned applications.

*This was informational for the Committee.*

##### **B. Assembly bill - 4497**

The Committee reviewed Assembly Bill 4497, which prohibits courts and professional Boards from denying professional licenses due to outstanding child support obligations under certain circumstances.

*Upon motion made by Sylvia Lippe, and seconded by Jamie Lugo, the Committee voted to support this bill as presented, and ask that the Division work with the courts to ensure timely notice of court orders are received. Voting in favor: all.*

##### **C. Assembly bill - 4582**

The Committee reviewed Assembly bill 4582 for "Drama Therapists and Dance/Movement Therapists Licensing Act."

*Upon motion made by Norwood Allen, and seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the Committee voted to not support the bill to license drama therapist and dance/ movement therapist, as the therapies are not independent disciplines, but adjunctive therapy. Those practicing should first be licensed under another mental health discipline. Baseline education and experience requirement for the credential in the bill are limited (not documenting mental health training.) Voting in favor: all.*

##### **D. N.J.A.C. 13:34-4.5, 11.8 and 11.9 and 21.6**

The Committee reviewed N.J.A.C. 13:34-4.5, a regulation revision for members of the Armed Forces, which took effect July 6, 2015.

*The Committee accepted this as informational.*

#### **VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

- Executive Director Collazo presented the Licensing Activity Report for Committee review. There are currently 2,571 active licenses for Alcohol and Drug Counselors (CADC/ LCADC), 1,116 applications pending and 19 reinstatements.

*\*Pending applications include: Applications pending final Committee review/ approval, incomplete applications, applications waiting for exam results, and applications that have been abandoned.*

#### **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

*No items to report.*

#### **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

*No items to report.*

#### **IX. CORRESPONDENCE**

*No items to report.*

**X. FILED ORDERS**

A. Denise Dahl June 26, 2015

**XI. Addiction Professionals Certification Board of New Jersey MATTERS (APCBNJ)**

*No items to report.*

**XII. Division of Mental Health and Addiction Service Matters (DMHAS)**

*No items to report.*

**XIII. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for **September 25, 2015** 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

**Meeting Dates for 2015**

August - no meeting

September 25, 2015

October 23, 2015

November 20, 2015

December 18, 2015

**XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Upon motion made by Norwood Allen, and seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the Committee voted to enter Executive Session at 10:32 a.m. to review applications, plans of supervision, consumer complaints, and other pending disciplinary and investigatory matters. Voting in favor: all.*

**XV. ADJOURNMENT:**

*Upon motion by Sylvia Lippe, seconded by Jamie Lugo, the Committee voted to adjourn the June 26, 2015 public session at 3:19 p.m. Voting in favor: all.*